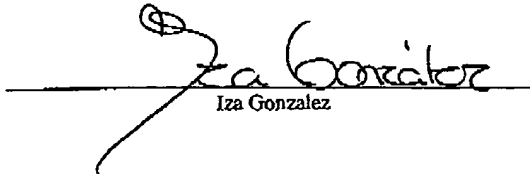


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THIRD STATUS INQUIRY			Docket No. BTO019USPT01
Serial No. 09/264,762	Filing Date March 9, 1999	Examiner Maria Stoica	Art Unit No. 3714
Applicant:	Jurmain		
Invention:	DEVICE FOR SIMULATING SOME ASPECTS OF CIGARETTE USE		

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

A Supplemental Appeal Brief was filed with the USPTO in connection with the above-referenced patent application on May 18, 2004. It has been more than 24 months since that Supplemental Brief was filed and Applicant has not received the Examiner's Answer to date. An initial status inquiry was transmitted on February 9, 2005. No response to that inquiry was ever received. Counsel for Applicant then contacted Examiner John Sotomayer by telephone on May 19, 2005 and was advised that while the matter was on his docket, he was unable to access the file. He indicated that he would check on the matter and call back. No return phone call was ever received. On July 5, 2005 a Second Status Inquiry was filed. On November 17, 2005 Examiner Mosser called in response to our July status inquiry and left a message indicating that she hoped to have an answer mailed by the end of December, 2005. No answer has been received to date.

Applicant respectfully requests a status update on the long overdue Examiner's Answer.

Respectfully submitted,

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